THIRD DAY.

7th January 1910.

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SUBJECTS.

The Assembly met again at 11 A. M. on Friday, the 7th January 1910.

24. Deaths from snake-bite should not be classed under 'accidental deaths'.

Mr. K. M. Mamman Moppilla (Member, Tiruvalla Taluk) stated that deaths from snake-bite were very common in his taluk, and that, under the existing law, the dead body in such a case could be disposed of only after the usual mahazar was prepared by the Police. The inconvenience resulting from such a practice was, he added, very great. He therefore wanted the existing law to be amended and he suggested that the Proverthicar might be asked to prepare the usual mahazar and to relieve the Police of this duty. The Member also requested that Government might be pleased to order a free supply to the poor of Sir Lauder Brunton's Lancet, which was simple in mechanism and successful in application in cases of snake-bite.

Dewan's reply.—The District Magistrates will be asked to enquire and report whether any amendment to the existing law is necessary. The other suggestion will be considered.

25. Removal of the difficulties now experienced by people in the purchase of General and Court-fee stamps.

Mr. Kunjan Narayanan (Member, Karunagapalli Taluk) represented that the stamp vendors at present were generally men of no position or status. As such stamp vendors were allowed by Government a discount which was ridiculously low, they were tempted to sell stamps at rates higher than those fixed by Government. The people were thus put to much loss and inconvenience. The Member said that, in future, the stamp vendors should be men of position and integrity. As an alternative, he also proposed that Village Officers might be asked to sell stamps and stamp papers. He added that the Court-fee stamps might also be sold through the officers of the Courts.

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Mr. P. Krishna Pillai (Member, Eraniel Taluk) in supporting the previous speaker, suggested that stamp papers might also be ordered to be sold in the offices of Sub-Registrars, and that to stimulate competition between stamp vendors, more than one vendor in the same locality should be appointed.

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